Preliminary Amendment
Application No.: filed concurrently
July 3, 2003

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-17 have been amended. Currently claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

By this amendment, claims 15 and 16 have been rewritten into proper independent form and claims 1-14 and 17 have been amended to correct minor grammatical points.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this amendment or the remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 3, 2003

Randolph A. Smith Reg. No. 32,548

SMITH PATENT OFFICE

1901 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 200 Washington, DC 20006-3433 Telephone: 202/530-5900

Facsimile: 202/530-5902
Banno070303